



# Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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## **Catastrophic Event Response & Recovery Survey Results Needed by Feb 15!**

Emergency Management Directors are being asked to complete a self-assessment capabilities survey in the event of a catastrophic event (earthquake, tornado, flood, ice storm, WMD/hazmat) **by February 15, 2006**. SEMA will provide the on-line survey link to EMDs.

SEMA plans to use the information from this survey to enhance and/or develop response and recovery plans and procedures to ensure State and Local response to any catastrophic event is both effective and efficient.

Local jurisdictions are the first responder for any catastrophic event. When answering the on-line survey, EMDs must assume that significant state or federal assistance will not be available for 96 hours or longer. They must also consider the realistic availability of mutual aid agreements, equipment and regional resources such as the Red Cross in a catastrophic event. Before they respond to the survey, EMDs should coordinate with other local jurisdiction departments, local private or non-profit organizations, and local faith based organizations to ensure that all local resources are potentially available to your jurisdiction before responding to the survey.

EMDs must use the community's FEIN number. The on-line survey consists of 20 questions. However several questions have multiple parts. There are five sections: Identification of local critical needs; Local Evacuation vs. Shelter In-Place; Local Planning Initiatives; Local Airfield Information; and a section for additional comments.

## **Crisis Communications Conference Set for Feb 9-10**

SEMA will host the Crisis Communications Conference Feb. 10-11, 2006 at Osage Beach. This year's conference will focus on Auxiliary Communications Service, Update on State Interoperability, 9-1-1 TERT/9-1-1 Addressing, 2 AM Tornado – Evansville Event, MEPN – Six Meter Packet, Regionalization and Communication Interoperability. There is no conference fee! SEMA is also offering a four hour credited course for telecommunicators/dispatchers on "IS-700 NIMS for Telecommunicators," from 8 AM – 12:00 noon and from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, February 11. There is no cost for this credited course. Here is the link for more information: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/CrisisCommConf2006.htm>

## **Upcoming Area Coordinator Meetings**

Here is a list of upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator meetings:

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| Area A: | 10 a.m., February 23, 2006   | City Hall, Raymore                            |
| Area B: | 7 p.m. March 28, 2006        | Quality Inn, Hannibal                         |
| Area E: | 11 a.m., February 3, 2006    | Fisherman's Net Restaurant, Sikeston          |
| Area F: | 10 a.m., March 23, 2006      | Gasconade County Courthouse, Hermann          |
| Area G: | 11:30 a.m., March 8, 2006    | Hillbilly Junction Restaurant, Willow Springs |
| Area H: | 1:30 p.m., February 28, 2006 | Emergency Management Office, Rock Port        |

## SEMA Newsletters Posted to Homepage

The SEMA Winter Newsletters are now posted to the SEMA homepage. Features in the SEMA Newsletter include Earthquake Planning/Preparedness, Communications and Spring Conferences, training classes, hurricane response, and homeland security. Here is the link to the SEMA newsletter: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf>. The Mitigation Newsletter has 2006 training and seminars information. Here is the link to the Mitigation Newsletter: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf>. The MERC Newsletter has information on Tier II reporting, short articles and electronic links for hazardous materials response, and information on the free Missouri Meth Whopper 2006 classes taught by Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Here is the link to the MERC newsletter: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf>.

## FEMA Announces Final Evacuee Hotel Program Extension - Feb. 7, 2006

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced all Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees in the FEMA hotel/motel direct bill program will be subsidized by the federal program through at least Feb. 7 as they continue to make longer-term housing arrangements, consistent with a recent Court Order. **Evacuees in hotels and motels must contact FEMA by January 30 at 1-800-621-FEMA (TTY 1-800-462-7585) to receive a unique authorization code that must be presented to a hotel or motel to extend the federal subsidy for their hotel stay beyond the night of Feb. 6.**

## NWS Begins Scheduling Weather Spotter Classes

The National Weather Service is beginning to schedule Weather Spotter classes for local emergency management offices. Be sure to continue to check for different links for the Weather Spotter Classes for new class listings.

Here is the link for St Louis area: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lx/?n=schedule>.

Here is the link for the Kansas City area: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/eax/safety/outreach.php>

Here is the link for Southeast Missouri area: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/pah/?n=spottertraining>

Here is the link to Springfield area: [http://www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf/?n=spotter\\_classes\\_index](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf/?n=spotter_classes_index)

## 2006 Earthquake Awareness Activities and Campaign Posted to Homepage

The Earthquake Awareness Campaign is posted to SEMA's home page the address is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm>

Earthquake Week Activities Include:

- **January 31 (Tuesday): 6:30 p.m. Sikeston Earthquake Town Hall meeting**, Clinton Building, 501 Campanella St., Sikeston.
- **Feb1-15, 2006:** The Department of Natural Resources Division of Land Survey and Geology in Rolla will have an earthquake exhibit at the Truman State Office Buildings in Jefferson City.
- **Feb. 3 (Friday): 8:30 a.m. "Earthquakes Mean Business Seminar"** at the AT&T Data Center Auditorium, at Ninth and Chestnut streets in downtown St. Louis. While, the seminar is free, attendees must pre-register by emailing Tim Bonno at [tb8851@sbc.com](mailto:tb8851@sbc.com).
- **Feb 3 (Friday): 1:30 p.m. The Missouri Seismic Safety Commission** quarterly meeting.
- **Feb 4 (Saturday): 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Hands on Exhibits** for children and adults at the St. Louis Science Center.
- **Feb 4-5 (Saturday & Sunday): Earthquake Workshop for Teachers** cosponsored with Department of Natural Resources. Teachers must pre-register with DNR.
- **Feb 5 (Sunday): noon – 5 p.m., Cape Girardeau Mall** will have Earthquake Exhibits and Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) safety demonstrations.
- **Feb 6 (Monday): 10 a.m.** the St. Louis Area Earthquake Hazards Mapping Project meeting.

- **Feb 9 (Thursday): 7-8:30 p.m., Rolla** the Department of Natural Resources Division of Geology and Land Survey, 111 Fairgrounds Road. The Division will host a Town Hall Meeting on Earthquake Hazards for citizens of Pulaski County.

### **Special Assistants for Training, Exercises Sought**

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is currently seeking two personnel with training and exercise backgrounds to fill two vacancies as special assistants in the Training and Exercise section. One position is in Training and the other is in Exercise. Both positions are funded under the Department of Homeland Security preparedness grant program and are contracted on a yearly basis. The starting salary range for these positions is \$35,000.00 through \$37,000.00 per year based on level of experience and education.

Resumes will be accepted through February 15, 2006. Please submit a resume with any supporting documentation (i.e.: education transcripts, certification documents, etc.) to Jim Charrier, SEMA Training Officer 2302 Militia Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101, or FAX (573) 634-7966.

### **Northeast Missouri Medical Reserve Corps Training**

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| March 9:    | <b>Triage</b> (Following brief MRC meeting)   | 6-9 p.m.    |
| March 25:   | <b>Basic Disaster Life Support</b> (BDLS) Prerequisite for ADLS   | 8-4:30 p.m. |
| April 27:   | <b>Responding to a Local Disaster:</b> A Tabletop Exercise  | 6-9 p.m.    |
| June 23-24: | <b>Outdoor Search and Rescue</b> (12 hours) Members taking this class will be eligible for membership in the now forming Adair Co. Response Team specializing in search and rescue.   |             |
| August 3-5: | <b>Advanced Disaster Life Support</b> (ADLS) Class limited to 50 people. Attendees of October 2004 BLDS class will be given first priority to sign up. This is a 2-day INTERACTIVE class. Instructor training will also be offered. |             |
| Sept. 28:   | <b>Bus Rescue</b> class   | 6-10 p.m.   |

### **Goodbye to ODP, Hello to G&T**

The Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) no longer exists. Office for Domestic Preparedness is now Grants and Training (G&T).